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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TRUCCO'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SHLAUDEMAN SEPTEMBER 2.

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1. TRUCCO SAID HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM NEW YORK, WHERE
HE HAD MET WITH CHILEAN AMBASSADOR SERGIO DIEZ. THE UNHRC
WORKING GROUP CONTINUES TO BE A DIFFICULT PROBLEM. THE
GOC WANTS THE WG TO DESIGNATE TWO MEMBERS (OTHER THAN
ALLANA) TO GO TO CHILE TO MAKE THEIR ON-SITE INVESTIGATION.
THE WG POSITION IS THAT ALL GO TOGETHER OR THAT TWO GO
FIRST WITH THE OTHER THREE COMING A WEEK OR SO LATER.
THE GOC INSISTS ON ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.

2. PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE WG ONLY HAS A MANDATE
TO STUDY CONDITIONS IN CHILE. THE GOC HAS SUGGESTED TO
ALLANA THAT THE WG VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES BESIDES CHILE.
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FURTHER, NO DOCUMENTS MENTION THE PROGRESS THAT IS BEING

MADE IN CHILE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE RED CROSS NOTES A 25 DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE JUNTA MUST GET SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE ONLY BRIGHT SPOT IS THAT ARGENTINA IS DRAWING SOME OF THE ATTENTION AWAY FROM CHILE.

3. TRUCCO THEN SAID THAT SERGIO DIEZ HAD MET WITH LEONARD GARMENT SEPTEMBER 2. GARMENT SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH ALLANA. TRUCCO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF AMBASSADORS BENNETT AND GARMENT IN TRYING TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATIONS GOING BETWEEN THE GOC AND THE WG.

4. SHLAUDEMAN ASKED TRUCCO IF HE THOUGHT THAT CHILE WAS GOING TO BE ON THE UNGA AGENDA. TRUCCO REPLIED THAT THE UNGA WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER THE WG REPORT WHICH NOW CONTAINS THE DAMAGING TESTIMONY THE WG RECEIVED IN MEXICO. PARENTHETICALLY, TRUCCO CLAIMED THAT HE HAD ENCOURAGED PRESIDENT PINOCHET TO ALLOW THE WG VISIT AFTER THE OASGA. NO UNMANAGEABLE SECURITY PROBLEMS HAD OCCURRED DURING THE OASGA, SO HE URGED PINOCHET TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY. BUT THE WG DECISION TO GO TO MEXICO ENDED HIS INITIATIVE. NOW "WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF WOUNDED PRIDE ON BOTH SIDES."

5. TRUCCO ASKED WHETHER WE HAD HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT NEW PERUVIAN ARMS PURCHASES. SHLAUDEMAN REPLIED THAT WE COULD NOT CONFIRM AN SU-22 PURCHASE AS A FACT. PERU HAS INQUIRED ABOUT PURCHASING AIRCRAFT FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S. RIGHT NOW THE GOP IS PROBABLY CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES. IT WANTS TO REPLACE OLD EQUIPMENT. UNDER SECRETARY MAW WOULD BE GOING TO LIMA DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6 (SINCE POSTPONED TO WEEK OF SEPT. 13) FOR MORE NEGOTIATIONS ON MARCONA. WE DO NOT KNOW IF HE WILL BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT OTHER THINGS.

6. TRUCCO MENTIONED A RECENT VIRGINIA PREWITT NEWSLETTER WHICH ALLEGED THAT PERU WOULD GET A DOLLARS 200 MILLION LOAN FROM THE U.S., ANOTHER DOLLARS 100 MILLION FROM CANADA PLUS THE SOVIET PLANES. SHLAUDEMAN REPLIED THAT USG HAD NO INTENTION OF MAKING ANY LOANS TO PERU FOR

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7. TRUCCO COMMENTED THAT THE SU-22 PURCHASE, IF TRUE, WOULD MAKE THE ARMS IMBALANCE PROBLEM EVEN MORE ACUTE. IT WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE ALREADY DISASTROUS (FOR CHILE) IMBALANCE IN ARMOR, WHICH TRUCCO DESCRIBED AS "FIVE HUNDRED TO NOTHING".

8. SHLAUDEMAN ASKED TRUCCO WHY THE CHILEANS DID NOT TAKE UP THEIR PROBLEMS DIRECTLY WITH THE PERUVIANS. TRUCCO REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY AND MENTIONED THE RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PINOCHET AND MORALES

BERMUDEZ FROM THE TWO COUNTRIES' RESPECTIVE SCHOOL SHIPS. SHLAUDEMAN SAID HE WAS SURE THE TWO PRESIDENTS COULD RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS. IF THE U.S. COULD ASSIST IN ANY WAY, WE WOULD DO SO WITH GREAT PLEASURE.

9. SHLAUDEMAN EXPLAINED TO TRUCCO THAT WE WERE STILL TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE HIS REQUESTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES AND REPAIRS. WE HOPE TO HAVE A DECISION FOR HIM THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5.

10. COMMENT: THE VIRGINIA PREWITT NEWSLETTER TRUCCO REFERRED TO SAYS THAT PERU WILL OBTAIN "AROUND DOLLARS 200 MILLION" BALANCE -OF-PAYMENTS FINANCING FROM U.S. BANKING SYNDICATE. THE GOP WILL ALSO OBTAIN "UP TO DOLLARS 170 MILLION FROM CANADIAN AND JAPANESE PRIVATE LENDER -- AND THE RUSSIAN SU-22'S AS WELL." SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON BANK FINANCING. INFORMATION REGARDING SU-22'S SUBSTANTIALLY AS STATED BY SHLAUDEMAN. KISSINGER

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